



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2852, **Agenda Item #:** 16.

9/2/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Building Promise USA to provide re-entry services for formerly incarcerated individuals, for an initial 12-month term with two 12-month extension options, each in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$600,000.

Lead Department

Management Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$400,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this contract will allow the Equity Office to negotiate an agreement to provide wrap-around re-entry services for formerly incarcerated individuals.

This contract originates from a competitive process that sought applications from community organizations with expertise in the lived experience of re-entry to provide services within a 'one-stop-shop' model. This model was identified through a focus group process organized and facilitated by the Austin-Travis County Re-Entry Advocacy Project, whose August 2020 report, "Convene Experience-Based Co-Design Project Involving Justice-Involved Individuals and Their Families," was central in developing the scope of work. In a 'hub' or 'one-stop-shop' model, one organization seeks to provide all the necessary services and support for formerly incarcerated individuals as they work to achieve stability and wellness.

Applications were open from June 28, 2021, to July 23, 2021, and a total of 7 organizations applied for the 'Hub' award. The evaluation panel, comprised of City staff with past experience in City procurement or grant processes and connection to the work of equity and re-entry, unanimously recommended Building Promise USA for award.

As part of the City's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget, Mayor Pro-Tem Harper-Madison put forth budget amendment number 6, which provides funds "to one or more organizations that provide resources or facilitate supportive services to formally incarcerated Austin residents and their families during the reentry process after incarceration."

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Culture and Lifelong Learning, Mobility, Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Safety, Government that

Works for All.